Acorn Class

Reception pupils

Term: Autumn 2025

Beyond your imagination



Literacy

The children will continue to take part in daily Read, Write, Inc. sessions where they will read a range of texts, answer comprehension questions and begin to use their own understanding of the world to 'dig deeper' into a text. Children will take part in a 'Big Talk' in order to encourage a wide vocabulary and speaking in full sentences and with the correct tenses where appropriate. The children will also be writing on a daily basis as part of their learning in phonics and literacy. Literacy lessons will focus on a weekly book and children will complete a variety of tasks involving writing, comprehension, speaking and often drama activities.

Understanding the World

Children will be focussing on how they are unique and what makes them special within the first weeks of the term. We will also be looking at a range of different science experiments linked to fairy tales, such as 'which is the best material for the 3 little pigs to build a house from' and ' which material should we build a raft from for the three billy goats'. Later in the term we will be learning about different festivals, including the many ways they are celebrated around the world. We will be thinking about Christmas and the different ways in which it can be celebrated.

Communication and Language

During the year, the Reception children cover two strands of communication and language; listening, attention & understanding as well as speaking. The autumn term focusses on 'listening and attention' however children will of course be encouraged to build upon their skills in all areas as part of every school day.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will continue to reinforce the schools 'golden rules' this term. Our class focus is on trying your best when completing work e.g. being enthusiastic, challenging yourself, being positive about learning. We will be rewarding children with stickers and merits for a positive attitude towards learning, excellent behaviour and displays of friendship. Children are encouraged to work and play with new friends each day to ensure that they all learn who their classmates are.

Mathematics

The children will join in with daily mathematics carpet sessions followed by a small group task. They will have access to maths activities during their child-initiated play and will practise counting and number recognition as part of their daily routine. In maths we will be securing our ability to recognise and write numbers 1-5, and then 1-10. This includes writing numbers, practising counting skills and completing addition/subtraction. A large focus on the term is recognising that numbers can be represented in different forms. We will also be touching upon 2D shapes and repeating patterns.

Expressive Arts and Design

The children will have lots of opportunities to develop their creativity during their child-initiated play. Our role play areas will include a castle, house and shop. We will also be creating a stage area where children can sing and dance. We will be experimenting with colour and textures, as well as completing a range of different junk modelling projects. We will use our imagination in order to travel to some new and exciting lands!

PE

The children will practise their pencil control and handwriting as part of Read Write Inc. on a daily basis. Children will take part in a variety of 'finger gym' activities which will help to strengthen their finger muscles. PE will focus on basic games and getting changed independently. A large emphasis will be put on listening carefully to instructions when in a different environment. Children have access to 'help yourself' healthy snack table during the morning. The outdoor area will be used to develop gross motor skills through large scale construction and active games.